

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
December 15, 2011

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Selectman, David Campbell; Board of Finance Chairman, Liz Mao; Board of Education Vice Chairman, Clara Sartori; RTM Moderator, Karen Armour; Planning & Zoning Chairman, Fred Conze and Town Administrator, Karl Kilduff.

RTM Moderator

Ms. Armour conveyed that the Choose to Reuse Committee will be giving a presentation to the RTM at its January 23rd meeting. Changes to the Flood, Erosion Control Board are being considered, including removing it from the umbrella of the EPC. The TSG&A is working on eliminating redundancies in the Town's ordinances and making changes to the Social Services portion of the Charter.

Ms. Armour stated that she received very positive feedback from RTM members and residents with regards to the State of the Town meeting held on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Planning & Zoning

Mr. Conze presented an overview of the Planning & Zoning Commissions achievements in 2011 and its goals for 2012 to the RTM at the State of the Town meeting. He reiterated his intention to help the 6400 home owners of Darien recognize that investments in Town planning ultimately affect their investments in their homes.

Board of Education

Ms. Santori stated that the Board of Education has passed the world language proposal for the elementary schools. Presently, it is an exploratory program, not a proficiency program. The Board also passed a Safe Schools Climate Council. The council will consist of students, teachers and parents. Together they will tackle issues related to bullying.

The group discussed the BOE budget deficit of \$250,000.

Board of Finance

Ms. Mao noted that the Town's Five-Year Forecast is positive and that the Board of Finance has approved the new Fund Balance Policy.

Ms. Mao inquired as to when the gas lines would be put into use at Town Hall. Mr. Kilduff explained that the gas lines are in and the Town needs to clean its furnace before the gas lines can be hooked up. Town Hall will operate on gas by the end of 2011.

First Selectman

Ms. Stevenson mentioned she is pleased with the results of the Referendum vote and is excited to move forward with the plans for the new BOE offices and Mather Senior/Community Center.

Ms. Stevenson noted that there is the possibility of an Occupy Darien protest to take place in Tilley Park on December 21, 2011 and December 22, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary